

Part Three:

A Story of Courage . . .

On Sept. 5, 1959, 15-year-old Charles Schmitt was floating helplessly in the surf, his neck broken by the savage sea.

Three years and nearly five months later, on Feb. 1, 1963, Charles graduated from high school only a semester behind his original class with which he started as a strong and active boy.

Through courage and faith in the human spirit to overcome the deficiencies of the flesh, Charles brought himself back from a valley of despair to what he is today. Before graduating, Charles was president of the student body at Joseph Pomeroy Widney High School.

He was editor of his school paper.

Charles can drive a car. He can get from his wheelchair into a car and back again, into bed and back.

Charles can perform the activities of daily life, such as brushing his teeth, combing his hair, washing his face.

He can paint in oils, and has a very creditable landscape and a portrait to his credit. The landscape will be entered by his teacher in state-wide competition.

Charles has achieved all those accomplishments despite the fact that he is paralyzed from the chest down.

Charles has done all of these things in a wheelchair.

Everything that Charles does the rest of his life undoubtedly will be done from a wheelchair.

With the confidence born from knowing what he can do—and what he can't—Charles expects to accomplish much more in the future.

"My injury has done a lot for me," says Charles.

By that he means that it has given him a maturity far beyond his 18 years. It has given him a much deeper insight into life than many of us get in three-score and ten years.

Charles will enter Long Beach State College in the fall with the intention of becoming an educator.

"I think I would make a good teacher," he says. "I have patience. I like people."

Charles paused, shifted his wheelchair.

"The big thing is that, I think," he said, "I want to keep learning. You can learn from anyone, particularly from children."

Charles also is interested in law, and in writing, but first comes his determination to be an educator.

Eventually, he would like to become an administrator, and then a superintendent of schools.

At Long Beach State, Charles will take history, English, perhaps journalism. He would be interested in teaching any of the three.

Charles' aim is a general secondary credential, so he can teach high school.

"You can teach the young ones," he said, "but you don't see the results that

you do in high school." [Charles says it will take five years—a Bachelor of Arts degree, plus 30 units.

"And then," he said, "I might as well write a thesis and get my Master's."

Charles has been to Los Angeles to discuss his future education with counselors. They seem to agree with him, that his decision is sound.

"The results of the tests haven't come to me yet," he said.

Charles mentioned one question: "Would you rather plan an activity, or take part in it?"

Charles says, "I like to think, rather than do."

This remarkable young man has had lots of time to think. He has thought, while flat on his stomach for months staring at a bare floor.

He has thought in his wheelchair. Charles has thought out his future, and likes what he sees in his mind's eye.

Through it all, he has developed a quiet faith and a fine, admirable courage—the courage to accept himself for exactly what he is—no more and no less.

There are others in his life who have faith and courage, too.

There's his mother, Mrs. Bess Cooney, of 2324 1/2 W. 250th St., Lomita.

There's his wife, Barbara. Perhaps the supreme act of faith and courage on the part of both Barbara and Charles came on Feb. 2, the day after his graduation, in the WALTERIA Methodist Church.

Barbara stood and Charles sat, in front of Rev. David O. Beadles.

A calm serenity upon the face of Barbara was the essence of pure human beauty as Rev. Beadles said. "In the sight of God do you enter His Holy Estate?"

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CHURCH OF GOD

SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD—17641 Yukon Ave. Phone 323-3978. Rev. C. L. Tierney. 17615 Yukon, Torrance. First morning service 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; second morning service, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday night service, 7:30 p.m. Mid-week services, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

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New fiction: The Fugitives (Broderick); Seeing Double (Ferrars); The Last Capitalist (Mirvish); Strike the Father Dead (Wain); The Hugo Winners (Asimov); Last Night the Nightingale (Dowdy); Under the Circumstances (Lolos); Like Love (McBain); Pippin's Journal (O'Grady); The Fox at the Manger (Travers); The Monkeys (Wilkinson).

New non-fiction: The South and Christian Ethics (Sellers); Unitarianism and Universalism (Cheatham); These Rights They Seek (Clarke); In Defense of Freedom (Meyer); The Challenge of Full Employment (Lineberry).

Guidebook to California Taxes: The Story of Cyprus Mines Corp. (Lavendar); South Wind Red (Ray); The Organization of the American States and the Hemisphere Crisis (Dreier); Handbook of English Medieval Costume (Cunnington); Botany (Wilson).

Contemporary Head Nursing (Barabas); Instrumentation (Kirk); Handloader's Digest; Water Supply Engineering (Babbitt); The Anatomy of Dog Breeding (Smythe); For Parents Only (Richardson); Quality Control Handbook (Juran); The Western (Fenin); Guide to Racing Cars (Yates).

The Grotesque (O'Connor); Ellen Glasgow (Rouse); The World of Lincoln Steffens (Steffens); The Golden Labyrinth (Knight); The Incomparable Max (Beerbohm); Complete Guide to Southern California (Hepburn); The Dolphin Guide-

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